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SCHEMES FOR HANDLOOM AND HANDICRAFT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes presently in operation for the handloom and handicrafts industries;

(b) whether the Government has merged some of the schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to promote the handloom and handicrafts industries in the country and to provide more employment opportunities in this sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) : In order to provide assistance for development of handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers in a coordinated and concerted manner during XI Plan Period, following five schemes have been proposed to be implemented in the Handloom Sector on all India basis:

(i) Integrated Handloom Development Scheme.

(ii) Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme.

(iii) Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Welfare Scheme.

(iv) Mill Gate Price Scheme.

(v) Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

To promote and to develop the Handicrafts Sector during the 11th Five Year Plan, following six schemes have been proposed to be implemented in the Handicrafts Sector on all India basis:

(i) Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshlip Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of selected crafts clusters.

(ii) Marketing & Support Service.

(iii) Design and Technology Upgradation.

(iv) Research and Development.

(v) Human Resource Development.

(vi) Welfare Schemes.

(b)&(c):Yes, Sir. The schemes of Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Workshed-cum-Housing and Integrated Handloom Training Project which were operational during the Xth Five Year Plan have been proposed to be merged in a modified form with Integrated Handloom Development Scheme during the XIth Plan. The scheme of Marketing Promotion Programme and Handloom Export Scheme have been proposed to be merged in a modified form with Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme,Health Insurance Scheme and Mahatma Gandhi Bima Bunkar Yojana in a modified form with Handloom Weavers' Comprehensive Scheme, Mill Gate Price Scheme has already been approved to be continued during the XIth Five Year Plan and Design Development and Training Programme has been merged in a modified form with Diversified Handloom Development Scheme.

As regards, Handicrafts Sector is concerned the Scheme of Export Promotion which was operational during the 10th five year plan has been proposed to be merged with the Marketing Support & Services Scheme during the 11th Plan. The Scheme of Training and Extension has been re-christened as Human Resources Development (HRD). The Bima Yojana for Handicrafts Artisans and the Rajiv Gandhi Shilp Swasth Yojana have been merged and renamed as Handicrafts Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme. The scheme

of Credit Guarantee is proposed to be merged with Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY).

(d) : The steps taken by the Government to promote and sustain employment in the Handlooms/Handicrafts Sectors are through various schemes as mentioned under reply (a) above.